IS THERE LAW OR REGULATION? WHAT IS CENTRE COUNTY'S POLICY? HOW DOES PRUDENT PARENTING EFFECT THIS?

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School registration	State law is all children 8 and older be enrolled. CYS expectation is that all children age 5 and older be enrolled.	Foster parent, CYS, Parent/Guardian and/or provider can enroll in school, must be approved by agency.	Consent needed as stated in county policy.	Consent needed as stated in county policy.	To ensure educational needs are met and best interests of child are met while honoring parents educational rights/decision making.
Consent for medical test		Routine physical behavioral health treatment is decision/responsibility of Placement Provider/Resource Parent. All non-routine treatments must be the decision of the agency.	Placement provider can make routine physical/behavioral health decisions only (all else must go through agency). Parents must be invited.	Resource Parent can make routine physical/behavioral health decisions only (all else must go through agency). Parents must be invited.	To ensure medical/behavioral health needs are met while honoring parents right to be a part of it.
School or organized group (church, scouts, etc.) Field Trip (in state vs out of state)		Decision to grant permission is based on the youth's specific needs and behavior. Placement facility or FP may sign permission slips. See out of county and out of state travel policies to understand additional requirements.	Placement facility can grant permission to participate but if out-of-county/state travel is required. Please see additional requirements. Can not violate case plan/visitation/court order (if interferes with visits, court order, plus case plan it would require consent).	Foster Parent can grant permission to participate but if out-of-county/state travel is required, please see additional requirements. Can not violate case plan/visitation/court order (if interferes with visits, court order, plus case plan it would require consent).	To allow age appropriate activities/ normalcy.

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Give consent to participate in organized sport or extracurricular activity		Decision to grant permission is based on the youth's specific needs and behavior (resource parent/placement facility staff).	Placement provider can make decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan. Ask how this decision is made including if there are any written policies.	Foster Parents can make this decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	To allow age appropriate activities/ normalcy.
Attending religious services and youth group	YES 3130.86 Religion is the choice of child or parent	No youth can be forced to participate in religious services, including attending the church youth group	Consent for any religious training cannot be given by Placement Provider. Must give youth option to attend religious services of the youth's choice.	Consent for any religious training cannot be given by Foster Parents. Must give youth option to participate or not.	To follow the law and allow for religious choice.
Travel out-of-county		YES-Policy states that for out of county overnight trips the Placement Provider/Foster Parents must obtain a travel letter from the county agency.	Placement provider can make decision. Notify CYS. As stated in policy if the trip will be overnight, a travel letter must be obtained. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	Foster Parents can make this decision. Notify CYS. As stated in policy, if child will be gone overnight, a travel letter must be obtained. Overnight must obtain a travel letter. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	To allow age appropriate activities/ normalcy.

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Travel out-of-state		For out-of-state travel of any kind, the child's biological parent or a court order authorizing said travel must be obtained. If repetitive trips are anticipated, approval for all planned travel may be able to be obtained at one time.	Consent needed as stated in county policy.	Consent needed as stated in county policy.	To allow age appropriate activities/normalcy.
Receiving mail		All mail must go through the agency.	Goes to CYS agency.	Goes to CYS agency.	When a child or youth is in care, the agency follows county protocol of opening all mail and date stamping.
Visits with relatives		Decision to grant permission is based on the youth's specific needs. Caseworker needs to be consulted prior to initial contact.	Placement provider can make decision. Notify CYS Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan. Ask how this decision is made including if there are any written policies.	Foster Parents can make this decision; discussion with caseworker prior to initial contact is expected. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	To allow age appropriate activities/normalcy.

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Being allowed to babysit for younger children		Decision to grant permission is based on the youth's specific needs and behavior. County caseworker must be notified as he/she may need to be part of the decision making process.	When deemed appropriate by the team.	Foster Parent can make this decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	To allow age appropriate activities/ normalcy.
Staying at home alone – level of supervision.		Decision to grant permission is based on the youth's specific needs and behavior.	Ask what the supervision policy is at your facility. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	Foster Parent can make this decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	To allow age appropriate activities/ normalcy.
Staying overnight at someone's home		Decision to grant permission is based on the youth to specific needs and behavior. If the frequency is more than 2 times a month, clearances on the adult household members who have responsibility for the youth must be obtained.	Ask if there is a policy at the placement facility. Placement facility staff can make this decision as long as it follows their internal policies. Notify CYS. Remember the decisions cannot violate a court order or this Case Plan.	Foster Parent can make this decision. As stated in Centre County policy, if frequency is more than 2 times a month clearances must be obtained. Notify CYS. Remember: the decision cannot violate a court order or Case Plan.	To allow age appropriate activities/normalcy.
Haircuts		Any child's first hair cut (after entering foster care) must get permission from the parent. Subsequent trims can occur, avoid drastic changes; ongoing communication with parent is recommended.	Consent needed as stated in county policy.	Consent needed as stated in county policy.	Reasonable and prudent parenting exclusion.

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Ear piercing Body piercing Tattooing	Needs consent under the age of 18 of the parent/guardian. Parent/guardian must be present.	Foster parents must have approval of the biological parent and the caseworker in order to have the child's body pierced in any way if the child is under 18. For youth who are over 18 and remain in the custody of the agency they are allowed to make their own decision.	Consent must be granted for anyone under 18. If the youth is over 18, the policies established by the Placement Provider must be followed.	Consent must be granted for any youth under 18. For a youth over 18, they have the ability to make this decision taking into account the rules and expectations of the foster parents with whom they reside.	To follow the law and to allow age appropriate activities.
Horseback riding		Decision to grant permission is based on the youth's specific needs and behavior.	Placement provider can make decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan. (Ask how this decision is made including if there are any written policies.)	Foster Parents can make this decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	To allow for age appropriate activities.
Hunting	Hunter's safety class under age 18. Hunting license and monitored youth regulations for under age 12.	Parent must be the one to sign for permission. The youth must pass the Hunter's Safety Course at age of 12 and abide by all PA hunting safety laws. The youth must be accompanied by the foster parent if in a foster home while hunting.	Consent must be granted. The policies of the Placement Provider must be followed. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	Consent must be granted and the Foster Parents must be in agreement. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	To follow the law and to allow age appropriate activities.

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Riding a 4 wheeler /snow mobile as a passenger - you cannot be the driver		Rules include the following: the vehicle is built for more than one passenger, the driver is foster parent/staff, liability insurance has been purchased and helmets are used.	ASK the Placement Provider if they have a policy about motorized vehicles. All policies listed must be followed. Notify CYS.	If all policies have been complied with, the final decision can be made by Foster Parent. Notify CYS.	If all safety regulations have not been followed and insurance is not intact, Liability becomes an issue if an injury occurs.
Ride in a boat		ALL state boating regulations and safety requirements must by followed.	Placement provider can make decision. Notify CYS. Decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan. (Ask how this decision is made including if there are any written policies.)	Foster Parents can make this decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	To follow the law and to allow age appropriate activities.
Getting a job		Caseworker or biological parent can sign working papers. Decision to grant permission is based on the youth's specific needs and behavior.	Placement provider can make decision about employment. Notify CYS about employment. Decision cannot violate court order or the Case Plan. (Ask how this decision is made including if there are any written policies.)	Foster Parent can make this decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	To allow for age appropriate activities and to teach money management.

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Earning money and saving a portion	3130.85 The county must have a policy, at a state minimum, that the money a child earns as well as gifts of money are the child's personal property. County can limit the amount of money to which the child can access but must have a separate system in place to maintain child's money. All interest earned is the child when the child leaves placement.	All money earned, received as a gift or received as an allowance by the child while in care, is the child's property. Limits may be placed by Foster Parents/Placement Provider in consultation with caseworker and youth on the amount of money to which a child has access. Any amount in excess of \$100 shall be deposited in an individual savings account for the youth by foster parents. Any money in savings account shall be returned to youth when youth leaves placement.	Placement Provider can make decisions about employment and as stated in Centre County Policy, PP can decide in conjunction with the Caseworker about the youth having access to said money earned. Notify CYS about employment. Ask how this decision is made including if there are any written policies.	Foster Parent can make decisions about employment but as stated in Centre County Policy, FP can decide in conjunction with the Caseworker about the youth having access to said money earned. Notify CYS about employment.	To protect youth and teach money management.
Having a bank account	Most banks require youth under 18 to have an adult on the account with youth.	Please talk to your Caseworker about who might be willing and able to be on a bank account with you.	Placement Provider can make this decision. Ask to see their policy on bank accounts. Notify CYS.	Foster Parent can make decision to open an account with Foster Parent as the adult on the account. Notify CYS.	To protect youth and teach money management.

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Having a social life, free time		Decision to grant permission is based on the youth's specific needs and behavior.	Placement provider can make decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan. (Ask how this decision is made including if there are any written policies.)	Foster Parents can make this decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	To allow for age appropriate activities/normalcy.
Having a cell phone	No applicable law.	Decision to grant permission is based on the youth's specific needs and behavior.	Placement provider can make decision. Notify CYS Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan. (Ask how this decision is made including if there are any written policies.)	Foster Parents can make this decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	To allow for age appropriate activities/normalcy.
Obtaining a permit first and later a driver's license when under 18	Parent or Legal guardian must sign.	YES - Either a parent or CYS staff can sign for permission to get your permit or driver's license.	Refer youth to Caseworker. Ask if there is a policy. Staff is not eligible to sign for obtaining license.	Refer youth to Caseworker. Foster Parent is not eligible to sign for obtaining license.	To follow the law and to allow age appropriate activities.

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Learning to drive	State law requires that a youth must obtain a learner's permit and complete specific driving requirements.	Please talk to your Caseworker about with whom you might be able to drive to earn driving experience.	Ask if there is a policy on staff allowing you to drive an agency vehicle if you have obtained your permit.	Foster Parent can make decision to teach a youth to drive after the youth has obtained his/her permit. Notify CYS.	To follow the law, helping youth to identify appropriate supports.
Driving a car	All drivers must have a valid driver's license, insurance, and car must be registered and inspected.	Must have insurance through an adult and must follow PA regulations for junior license.	Ask if there is a policy at the facility.	Foster Parents can make decision to add youth to their car insurance and allow youth to drive their vehicle. Notify CYS.	To follow the law and allow for age appropriate activities.
Owning my own car	No applicable law.	Youth in placement may not own a vehicle, if they are under 18. For youth who are over 18 and remain in the custody of the agency they are required to follow all current PA laws.	Not allowed for youth under 18. For over 18 please ask if there is a policy at the placement facility. Placement facility staff can make this decision as long as it follows their internal policies. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate court order or Case Plan.	Not allowed for under 18. For over 18, Foster Parents can make this decision. Notify CYS. Remember your decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	To allow for age appropriate activities.

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Dating, including being in their car	No applicable law.	Decision to grant permission is based on the youth's specific needs and behavior.	Placement provider can make decision. Same policy as driving in someone else's car is in effect. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan. Ask how this decision is made including if there are	Foster Parents can make this decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan. Same policy as driving in someone else's car is in effect. Notify CYS.	To allow for age appropriate activities.
Riding in a car with someone else	YES 3130.89 The county must have a policy which covers the following provisions: at a minimum all cars must be validly licensed and inspected, driver must have a valid driver's license for class of vehicle, the number of passengers may not exceed passenger limit and children under 4 must be properly restrained under current law.	Commercial vehicles are permissible. For private vehicles you must be able to verify that the driver has a valid driver's license, car insurance, and that the car has current inspection. The driver must also comply with all current Penn Dot laws (i.e. number of passengers).	any written policies Ask if there is a policy at the placement facility. Placement facility staff can make this decision as long as it follows their internal policies. At a minimum policy must be to verify driver's license, insurance and inspection status of vehicle. Notify CYS Remember the decision cannot violate court order or the Case Plan.	Foster Parent can make this decision but note that you must verify that the driver has a valid license and insurance and that all private vehicles have been inspected. Notify CYS. Remember cannot violate court order or Case Plan.	To follow the law and allow age appropriate activities.

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Facebook friends with bio parents and family	No applicable law.	Decision to grant permission is based on the youth's specific needs and behavior.	Placement provider can make decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan. Ask how this decision is made including if there are any written policies.	Foster Parents can make this decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	To allow for age appropriate activities.
Smart phone use	No applicable law.	Decision to grant permission is based on the youth's specific needs and behavior.	Placement provider can make decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan. (Ask how this decision is made including if there are any written policies.)	Foster Parents can make this decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	To allow for age appropriate activities.
Social media use	No applicable law.	Decision to grant permission is based on the youth's specific needs and behavior.	Placement provider can make decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan. (Ask how this decision is made including if there are any written policies.)	Foster Parents can make this decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	To allow for age appropriate activities.

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Resource parent introducing a new romantic relationship to the foster child/youth		Decision to introduce a significant additional adult is based on the youth's specific needs. Caseworker needs to be consulted.		Foster Parents can make this decision. Notify CYS. Remember the decision cannot violate a court order or the Case Plan.	To allow for age appropriate activities.

*Reasonable and Prudent Parenting: Model for Decision Making

- Identify the Issue- What is the youth really asking
- ➤ Gather Information
- > Brainstorm
- Evaluate Options
- Decide and Act
- ➤ Later, reflect and learn

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SCHOOL SETTING:

Resource Parent/ CYS Placement Facility Staff

Circumstances	Placement Facility Staff	Agency Staff Person	Child's Parent
School registration	Yes	Yes	Yes
Standard enrollment & placement testing (not for special classes	No	Yes	Yes
Educational Program Selection			
a. Curriculum selection	Yes	Yes	Yes
b. Subject selection within curriculum	Yes	Yes	Yes
c. Dropping subject	Yes	Yes	Yes
d. Work-study programs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Evaluation/Assessment of need for special classes (IEP)	No	No	Yes
Enrollment in Special Classes	No	No	Yes
Report Cards/Early warning and failure notice	Yes	Yes	Yes
Suspension Notices	Yes	Yes	Yes
Participation in extracurricular activities			
a. Athletic	Yes	Yes	Yes
b. Non-athletic	Yes	Yes	Yes
Educational Field Trips			
a. One day school trip	Yes	Yes	Yes
b. Overnight trip	Yes	Yes	Yes
Group/Class Trips	Yes	Yes	Yes
Group/Class Pictures	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scholarship Applications	No	Yes	Yes
College & Tech School Applications	No	Yes	Yes
Permanent Withdrawal	No	No	No
Transfer of School Records	No	Yes	Yes
Release of Information in School Records	No	Yes	Yes
School Medical Exams			
a. For sports	No	Yes	Yes
b. Screening exams (i.e. vision, dental)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Administering meds in school that require doctor's prescription	Yes	Yes	Yes

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CHILD HEALTH CARE:

Resource Parent/ C	YS
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<u>Circumstances</u>	Placement Facility Staff	Agency Staff Person	Child's Parent
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Routine Medical & Dental Exams & Treatment	Yes	Yes	Yes
Emergency Treatment			
a. Non-life threatening, stitches but no anesthesia	Yes	Yes	Yes
b. Life-threatening or anesthesia required	No	No	Yes
Hospitalization & subsequent treatment and/or surgery (non-	No	No	Yes
emergency)			

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Resource Pa	rent/	CYS
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Circumstances	Placement Facility Staff	Agency Staff Person	Child's Parent
Social Security Card Application	No	Yes	Yes
Work Permit Application	No	Yes	Yes
Organized Sports	Yes	Yes	Yes
Join Clubs & Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
Camp & Activities	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hunting/Fishing License	Yes	Yes	Yes
Join Military	No	No	Yes
Marry before 18	No	No	Yes
Waive Miranda rights or grant police or probation permission to question child	No	No	No
Photographs to be used for media/publicity	No	No	Yes
Psychological and/or psychiatric evaluations (No if over 14)	No	Yes/No	Yes/No
Driver's Permit & License	No	Yes	Yes
Driver's Education Course			
a. Road training	Yes	Yes	Yes
b. Classroom Course	Yes	Yes	Yes